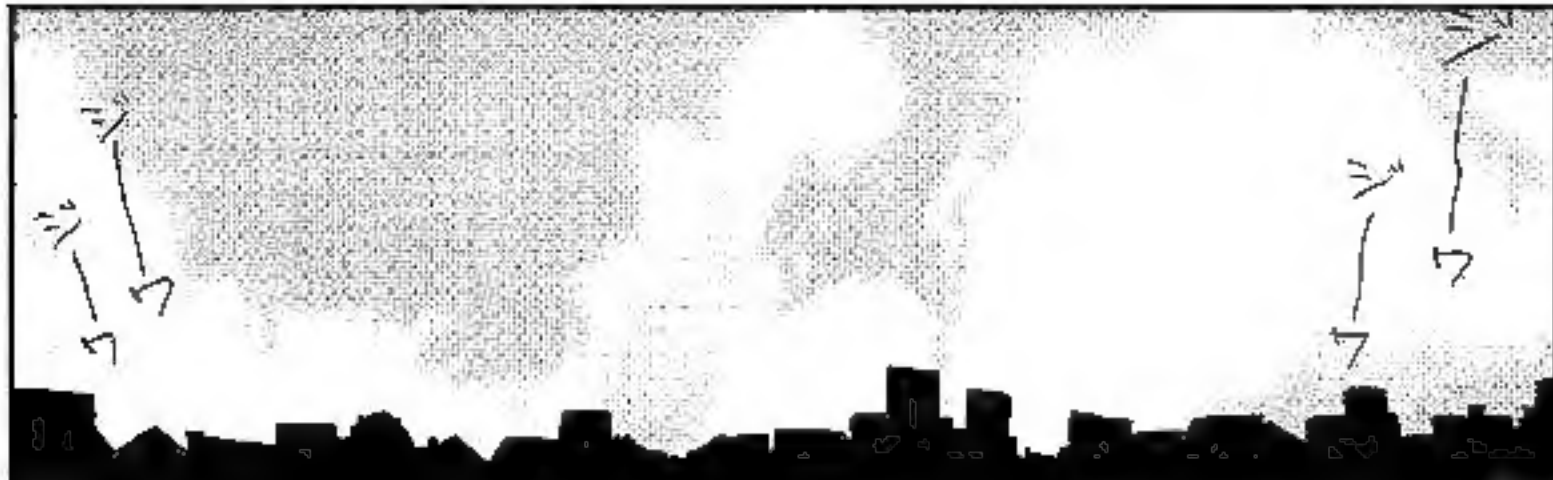


*It's been a week since she said "I'm going to Tokyo for a while, lol."*

LONG  
ABSENCE





IT'S ALMOST THE END OF AUGUST ALREADY, YOU BETTER START CHANGING YOUR SLEEPING HABITS.

"MORNING"? IT'S ALREADY NOON!

YOU'RE UP EARLY, SIS.

MORNING ...

WAIT ...

I TOLD YOU, SHE PROBABLY LEFT HER CELL PHONE AT HOME... THIS IS KONATA WE'RE TALKING ABOUT.

CONSIDERING YOUR MOOD, I GUESS YOU STILL HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO GET IN CONTACT WITH KONA-CHAN YET.

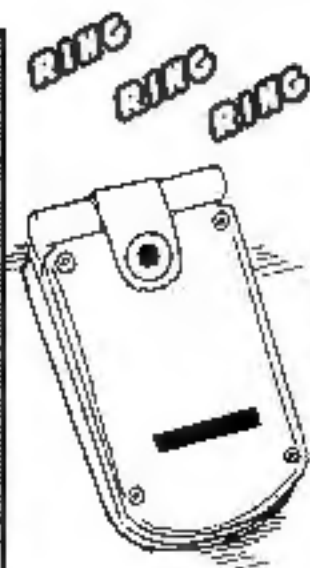
Well, you know... It's... Umm...

AND WHY DO I HAVE TO BE IN A BAD MOOD BECAUSE I CAN'T GET IN TOUCH WITH KONATA!?

YOU SEEMED TO BE IN A BAD MOOD, SO I FIGURED ...

WHY ARE WE SUDDENLY TALKING ABOUT KONATA?

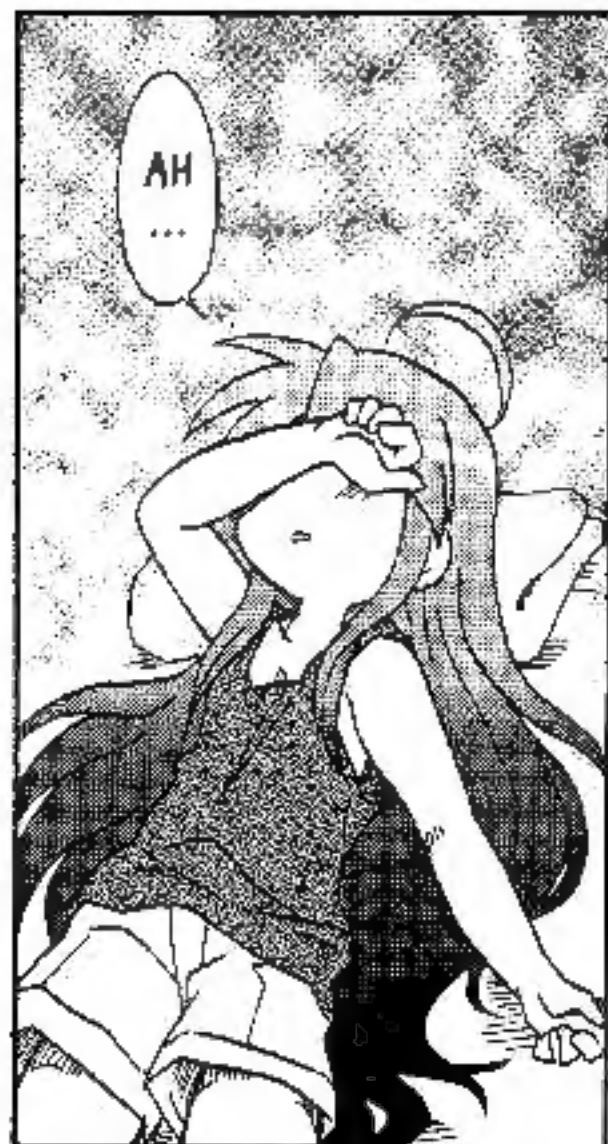
















I WAS  
SAD I  
COULDN'T  
SEE YOU.

N-no...

Y-you're  
lying. Then  
couldn't  
you have  
at least  
called me?

I...

Wh-  
what?

I  
REALIZED  
IT WHILE  
WE WERE  
APART...

CON-  
NECTED,  
FROM  
HERE...  
TO HERE.

EVEN  
WITHOUT  
CELL  
PHONES,

YOU  
AND I  
ARE...

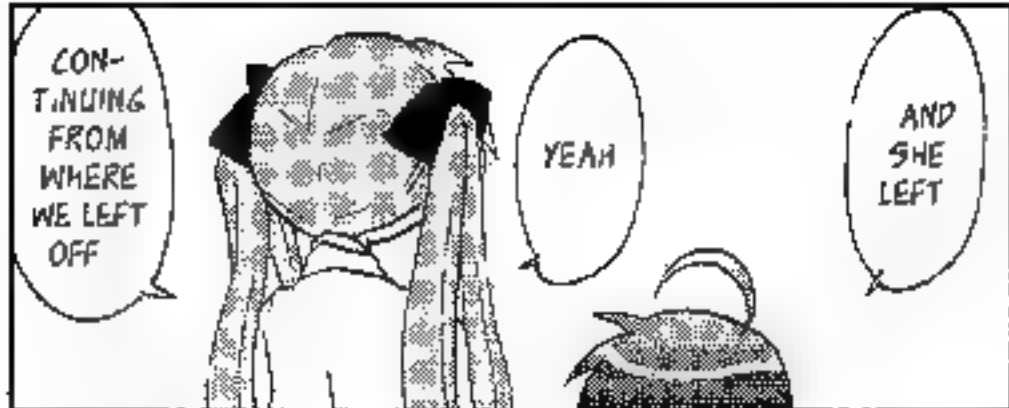
Wha-  
E-embarr-  
assing  
remarks  
are  
prohib-  
ited!













SINCE IT'S  
GENETIC, IT'S  
NOT REALLY A  
MATTER ABOUT  
BEING CURABLE  
OR NOT

IS WHAT  
THE DOCTOR  
TOLD ME

IT'S NOT  
REALLY A  
DISEASE,  
I WAS TOLD  
IT'S MORE  
LIKE MY  
DISPOSITION

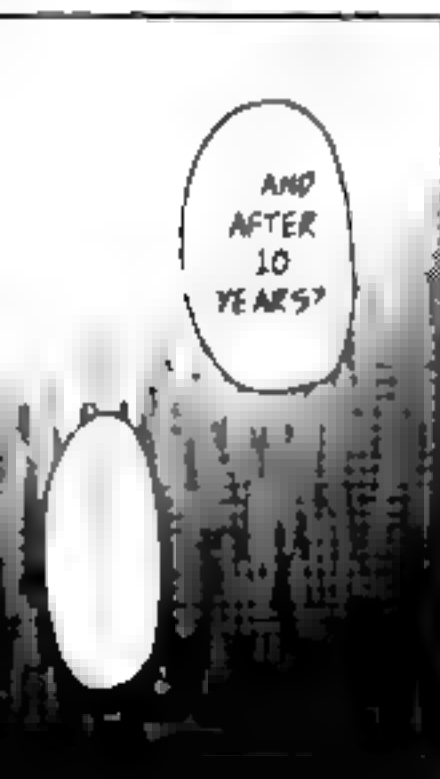


THE  
DOCTOR  
IS THE  
SAME ONE  
WHO'D AG-  
NOSED MY  
MOTHER

SHE SAID  
IT WAS A  
MIRACLE I  
WAS ABLE TO  
BE BORN

AT SOME  
POINT  
YOU STOP  
GROWING,  
YOUR  
APPEARANCE  
STOPS  
CHANGING

YOUR  
LIFE FORCE  
STARTS TO  
GRADUALLY  
WEAKEN  
AND



AND  
AFTER  
10  
YEARS?



YEAH

THE RISK  
FOR ANY  
MORE  
SYMPTOMS  
SURFACING  
IN THE NEXT  
5-10 YEARS  
IS VERY  
SMALL

BUT IT'S  
ALL RIGHT,  
ISN'T IT? THE  
EXAMINATION  
RESULT WAS  
A POSITIVE  
ONE RIGHT?

YOUR  
FATHER  
WAS IN  
HIGH  
SPIRITS,  
WASN'T  
HE?





This girl... She was this fragile?









ARE YOU  
IMPLYING I'M  
IMMATURE?

You smell  
sweet  
Could it be  
because

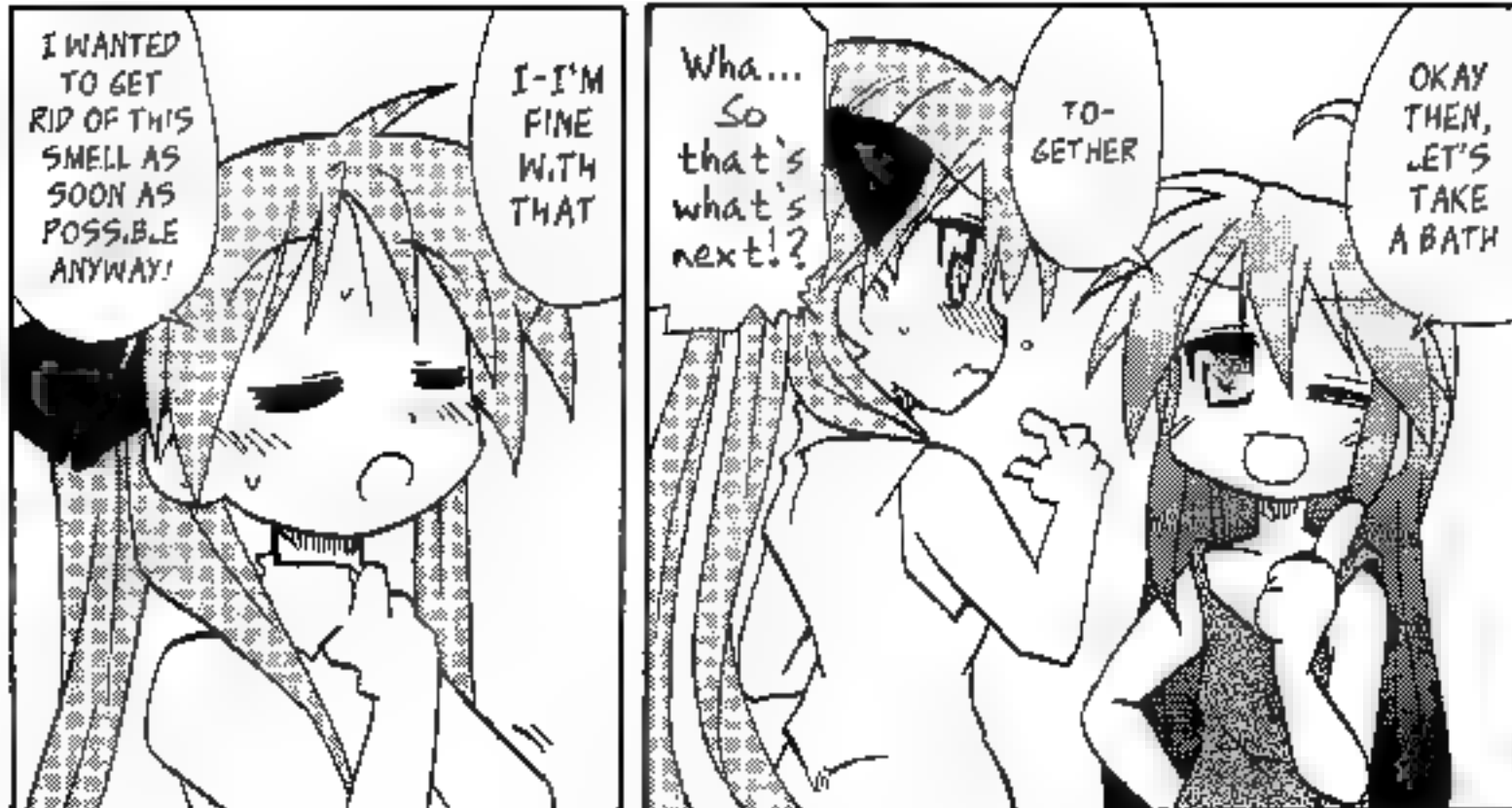


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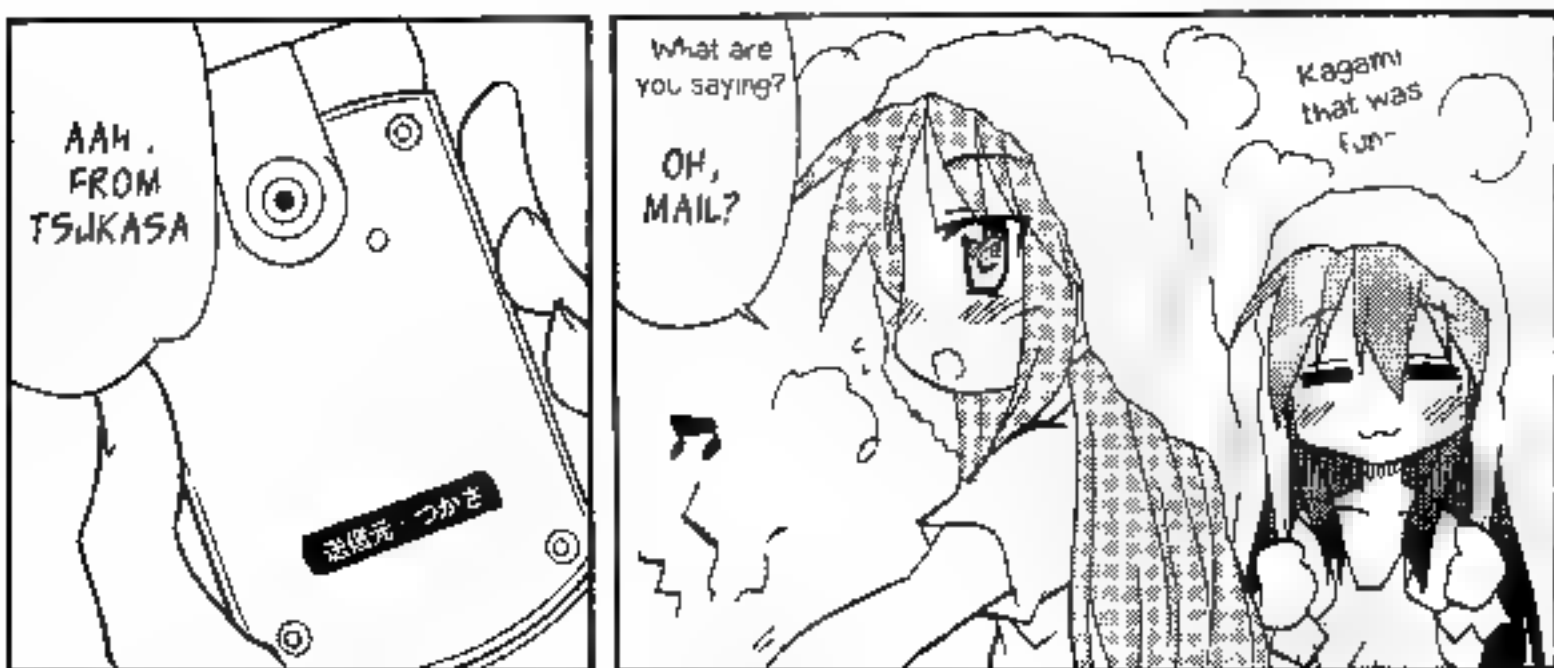


WHY YOU  
...  
...  
HAPPENS





Perhaps it was a bit hasty...



Nah, that was a joke. Did you fall for it? Sorry. Mom asked, so I told her you were staying at Kona-chan's house overnight.



To my sister Kagami.

I take it you're getting along well with Kona-chan since I haven't heard from you. I'm so envious!

REALLY,  
SEEMS  
LIKES SHE  
HAS SOME  
STRANGE  
IDEAS

This is  
Tsukasa.  
This was  
Tsukasa.

To  
my  
be-  
loved  
sister  
Ka-  
gami.

Despite how  
Kona-chan is,  
Mom trusts  
her quite a  
bit. To a  
surprising  
extent,  
even.

So don't  
hold back,  
please  
create  
wonderful  
summer  
memories  
together.

R-  
really?

Uh  
...

I SAVE  
ALL MAILS  
I RECEIVE  
FROM YOU

Stop!  
Don't  
read!  
Erase  
it!

OKAY, I'LL  
CHECK IF  
KAGAMI HAS  
SENT ME  
ANYTHING.

I'M  
NOT  
KID-  
DING

EH?  
!

It's a  
good  
thing  
he  
wasn't  
able to  
intrude,  
but...  
Comiket  
is scary.

By the  
way,  
the old  
man  
wasn't  
able to  
move his  
body for  
three  
whole  
days.

WELL, I  
NEVER GET  
SERIOUS  
MAILS  
FROM ANY-  
ONE ELSE,  
SO.

UWAH  
THAT'S  
REALLY  
EM-  
BAR-  
RASS-  
ING  
SOME-  
HOW.



# RUMOR

AGAIN  
WITH THE  
STRANGE  
REFER-  
ENCES

HAMMER  
THE  
BUTTON,  
AND THE  
HAZE WILL  
CLEAR!

OH,  
IT'S  
OKAY,  
IT'S  
OKAY

W-w  
wait!  
I'll  
get  
out!

YES, YES  
IT WILL  
BE A BIT  
CRAMPED,  
BUT

THERE'S A  
DIFFERENCE  
BETWEEN  
BATHING AT  
HOME AND  
BATHING IN  
A PUBLIC BATH

IT'S NOT  
LIKE IT'S THE  
FIRST TIME  
WE'VE TAKEN  
A BATH  
TOGETHER



HOW SHOULD I PUT IT? IT FEELS AS IF I'M COMMITTING SOME KIND OF CRIME, OR I'M SUPPOSED TO RUN AWAY IN THIS SITUATION OR SOMETHING

NO, WELL, THIS IS ONE OF MY ISSUES THOUGH

OH, IT'S OKAY WE'RE BOTH OVER 18, RIGHT?

OOH? YOU DON'T SAY? AGAIN WITH THE POINTING OUT FAULTS ON MY BODY?

HAIR IS JUST FOR DECORATION! WHY WON'T PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THAT?

IT FEELS STRANGE TO SAY THAT, BUT HOW SHOULD I PUT IT

YOU SURE ARE SMOOTH



THAT'S DIFFICULT TO GET ACROSS!

A REFERENCE TO THE NOVEL VERSION OF GUNDAM?

LOOK! YOU CAN MAKE LOTS OF AMULETS!

Miss Blonde



BUT IT'S PRETTY ADMIRABLE WHEN IT GROWS THIS WILDLY AS WELL

DON'T SAY "WILDLY"! THIS IS NORMAL!

